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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 5, 2009 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The present response is timely filed with a request for a two-month extension of time.

The present submission is accompanied by an Information Disclosure Statement, listing Dean et al., Oncogene (2003) 22, 9087-9096, the entry and consideration of which is respectfully requested.

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